- Revamp Library Information Science (LIS) Education, Training and Research facilities
- Re-assess staffing of libraries
- Set up a Central Library Fund
- Modernise library management, encourage greater community participation in library management
- Promote Information Communication Technology (ICT) applications in all libraries
- Facilitate donation and maintenance of private collections
- Encourage Public Private Partnerships in LIS development

The Chairman has suggested setting up a permanent independent and financially autonomous National Commission on Libraries. The Report talks about "setting up a Central Library Fund. A specified percentage of the Central and the State Education Budgets must be earmarked for libraries. In addition, a Central Library Fund should be instituted for upgrading existing libraries over a period of 3-5 years. The initial funding from then Government may be Rs. 1,000 crore, which may be matched by the private sector through corporate philanthropy. This fund should be administered by the National Mission/Commission on Libraries".

(d) The Planning Commission has forwarded the recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission regarding Libraries to the concerned Ministries/Department for their comments.

National road safety policy

1885. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number and percentage of persons getting injured or killed in road accidents is rising continuously in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to implement National Road Safety Policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) As reported by the States/UTs, the details regarding number of road accidents, persons killed and persons injured on all the roads during the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 (the latest available data) are as under:—

Year	Road accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured
2003	406726	85998	435122
2004	429910	92618	464521
2005	439255	94968	465282

(c) and (d) The draft National Road Safety Policy prepared by this Department was referred to Committee on Road Safety and Traffic Management alongwith the inputs received from various forums for its consideration. The Committee has submitted the modified draft National Road Safety Policy which is under examination in this Ministry.

Corruption at check posts on highways

1886. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURU MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact, as reported by Transparency International, that the truck owners in the country have to pay about Rs. 20,000 crores as bribe every year to checkpost officials on Highways for easy passage;

(b) if so, the remedial measures Government propose to take to curb this evil; and

(c) whether Government have ever estimated the annual loss of revenue due to the said corrupt practices being adopted by the checkpost officials and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The